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**TO:** Energy and Environment Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Open Spaces Working Group

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**SUMMARY:**

Staff is developing an Open Spaces Working Group (OSWG) for guidance on the Open Space and Habitat Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

In October, 2005, the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Task Force discussed the approach and scope for the planned Open Space and Habitat Chapter. Based on discussions of the RCP Task Force, a draft Open Space and Habitat chapter outline was prepared, and was presented to the EEC on March 2, 2006. Of the specific activities to be pursued, the formation of a working group was of particular interest. A list of potential participants in the Open Spaces Working Group is attached, and any suggestions are welcome. We would like to hold the first meeting in May. The Working Group will assist in the next phase of the development of the RCP Open Space and Habitat Chapter and will help staff identify open spaces and habitat issues to be discussed at future EEC meetings. EEC members will be advised of the meeting schedule and encouraged to participate.

Additionally, SCAG has selected a consultant to assist in the development of the Open Space and Habitat Chapter. At the time that the consultant is under contract, there may be changes to the format and membership of the working group.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work related to this item is included in the FY 2005/2006 Overall Work Program under Work Element 06-035 (Regional Comprehensive Plan & Guide)

## Habitat & Open Space Stakeholders

Alfredo Gonzales		TNC, Govt. Relations	
Andrew Henderson		BIA	
Andy Lipkis		Tree People	
Bill Corcoran		Sierra Club, senior regional representative	
Bob Dulla		Sierra Research	
Bob Reid		Trust for Public Land (Parks for People, LA)	
Clare Schlotterbeck		Friends of the Hills (Chino Hills)	
Dan Guthrie		Pomona Valley Audubon	
Dan Silver		Endangered Habitats League	
Dave Goodwart		San Bernardino Valley Audubon	
Diego Martino		USC, Sust Cities Program	
Edith B. Allen		UC Riverside, Ecology	
Elizabeth Chattin		VC Wildlife Corridors Project	
Gilberto Ruiz		P&D Consulting	
Greg McPherson		UC Davis/USDA; Urban Forest Research	
Jane Block		Riverside Land Conservancy	
Jean Watt		Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks (Orange County)	
Jennifer Scott-Lifland		TreePeople	
Jennifer Wolch		USC, Geography	
Jess Morton		Palos Verdes Peninsula Audubon	
Jim Sullivan		CVMSHCP	

John Melvin		California Dept of Forestry	
Jon Harrison		Mayor of Redlands	
Jonathan Choi		Building Industry Association of Southern California	
Kate Vernez		City of Santa Monica	
Krista P. Sloniowski		US Army Corps of Engineers	
Kristeen Penrod		South Coast Wildlands Project	
Kristi Lovelady		Riverside Tpt and Land Mgmt Agency	
Lindell Marsh		HCP, Lawyer	
Liz Brown		Laguna Greenbelt	
Michael F. Allen		UC Riverside, Cons Biol	
Nancy J. Hughes		California Urban Forests Council	
Nancy Sutley		City of L.A. Deputy Mayor for Energy & the Environment	
Pamela Padgett		US Forest Service, Fire Planning	
Rick Burnham		UC Riverside, Fire Planning	
Rick Halsey		Chaparral Fire Planning	
Rick Thomas		DEA - Heat Island	
Rosemary Flynn		Consultant - Heat Island Research	
Scott Thomas		Sea and Sage Audubon	
Stephanie Pincetl		UCLA, Institute of the Environment	
Tim Krantz		University of Redlands, geographer	
Todd Campbell		Coalition for Clean Air	

Tom A. Larson		Consultant - Heat Island Research	
Travis Longcore		The Urban Wildlands Group	
Tsilah Burman		Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Executive Director	
William A. Jury		UC Riverside, Env Sci	